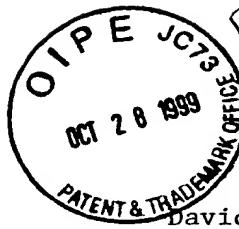


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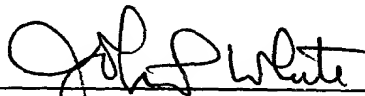
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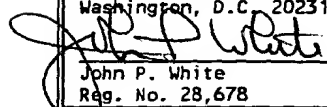
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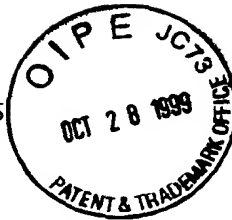
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO JUNE 24, 1999
FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the June 24, 1999 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the June 24, 1999 Final Office Action was originally due September 24, 1999. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time from September 24, 1999 to October 24, 1999. The fee for a one-month extension of time is FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00) for a small entity and a check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Applicants have previously established small entity status. Thus, a response to the June 24, 1999 Final Office Action is now due October 24, 1999. Since October 24, 1999 falls on a Sunday, a response is due on the next business day, i.e. Monday, October 25, 1999. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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